

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

It is a good idea to have a hearing test when one is reaching a time of problem in hearing conversation, etc. It would be great if the FDA paid for such a test as it is quite expensive for many, many people, so they just don't get help.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

Not hearing the warning bell at a R.R. crossing when a train is coming and there are no gates to stop a deafness person. Not hearing several of fire trucks or police cars coming towards you from rear or front.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Absolutely not. We must have the right of such a decision. This is a "free country".

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

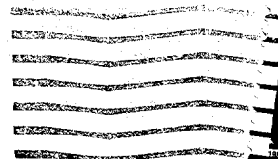
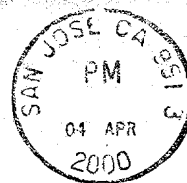
Absolutely yes. I have found it a godsend to order by mail from Excel and have been very satisfied

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